

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3056–3059, S. Res. 429, and S. Con. Res. 52. **Pages S944–45**

Measures Reported:

S. 409, to secure Federal ownership and management of significant natural, scenic, and recreational resources, to provide for the protection of cultural resources, to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–129)

S. 522, to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–130)

S. 555, to provide for the exchange of certain land located in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–131)

S. 721, to expand the Alpine Lakes Wilderness in the State of Washington, to designate the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River and Pratt River as wild and scenic rivers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–132)

S. 782, to provide for the establishment of the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–133)

S. 853, to designate additional segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, in the States of Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 111–134)

S. 874, to establish El Rio Grande Del Norte National Conservation Area in the State of New Mexico, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–135)

S. 940, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the Nevada System of Higher Education certain Federal land located in Clark and Nye coun-

ties, Nevada, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–136)

S. 1053, to amend the National Law Enforcement Museum Act to extend the termination date. (S. Rept. No. 111–137)

S. 1139, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into a property conveyance with the city of Wallowa, Oregon, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–138)

S. 1140, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Deschutes County, Oregon, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–139)

S. 1369, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Molalla River in the State of Oregon, as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 111–140)

S. 1405, to redesignate the Longfellow National Historic Site, Massachusetts, as the “Longfellow House-Washington’s Headquarters National Historic Site”. (S. Rept. No. 111–141)

S. 1453, to amend Public Law 106–392 to maintain annual base funding for the Bureau of Reclamation for the Upper Colorado River and San Juan fish recovery programs through fiscal year 2023. (S. Rept. No. 111–142)

S. 1757, to provide for the prepayment of a repayment contract between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District. (S. Rept. No. 111–143)

S. 1759, to authorize certain transfers of water in the Central Valley Project, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–144)

H.R. 689, to interchange the administrative jurisdiction of certain Federal lands between the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–145)

H.R. 714, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 111–146)

H.R. 1121, to authorize a land exchange to acquire lands for the Blue Ridge Parkway from the Town of Blowing Rock, North Carolina. (S. Rept. No. 111–147)

H.R. 1287, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a partnership with the Porter

County Convention, Recreation and Visitor Commission regarding the use of the Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center as a visitor center for the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. (S. Rept. No. 111-148)

H.R. 1376, To establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument in the State of Texas. (S. Rept. No. 111-149)

H.R. 1442, to provide for the sale of the Federal Government's reversionary interest in approximately 60 acres of land in Salt Lake City, Utah, originally conveyed to the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association under the Act of January 23, 1909. (S. Rept. No. 111-150)

H.R. 1593, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 111-151)

H.R. 1694, to authorize the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 under the American Battlefield Protection Program, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 111-152)

H.R. 1945, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility and suitability of constructing a storage reservoir, outlet works, and a delivery system for the Tule River Indian Tribe of the Tule River Reservation in the State of California to provide a water supply for domestic, municipal, industrial, and agricultural purposes. (S. Rept. No. 111-153)

H.R. 2330, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing Camp Hale as a unit of the National Park System, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111-154)

H.R. 2802, to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy. (S. Rept. No. 111-155)

H.R. 3113, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of the Elk River in the State of West Virginia for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. (S. Rept. No. 111-156)

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Measures Passed:

Temporary Extension Act: By 78 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 32), Senate agreed to H.R. 4691, to provide a temporary extension of certain programs, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto, clearing the measure for the President:

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 43 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 31), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Bunning Amendment No. 3355, in the nature of a substitute.

Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, was sustained, and the amendment was ruled out of order.

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Minority Party Appointments: Senate agreed to S. Res. 429, making minority party appointments for certain committees for the 111th Congress.

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Measures Considered:

Tax Extenders Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Baucus Amendment No. 3336, in the nature of a substitute.

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Sessions Amendment No. 3337 (to Amendment No. 3336), to reduce the deficit by establishing discretionary spending caps.

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Thune Amendment No. 3338 (to Amendment No. 3336), to create additional tax relief for businesses.

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Landrieu Amendment No. 3335 (to Amendment No. 3336), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the low-income housing credit rules for buildings in GO Zones.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 3, 2010, and that the next two Democratic amendments be offered by Senators Murray and Sanders; and the next two Republican amendments be offered by Senator Bunning.

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Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. EX. 30), Barbara Milano Keenan, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 29), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael C. Camuñez, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—32) Pages S909–10, S933–34

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:33 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 3, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S970.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture.

SMALL BUSINESS BORROWING AND LENDING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine restoring credit, focusing on proposals to fix small business borrowing and lending problems, after receiving testimony from Senators Levin and Stabenow; Arthur Johnson, United Bank of Michigan, Grand Rapids, on behalf of the American Bankers Association; Eric Gillett, Sutton Bank, Attica, Ohio, on behalf of the Independent Community Bankers Association; and Raj Date, Cambridge Winter Center for Financial Institutions Policy, New York, New York.

TOYOTA RECALLS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Toyota's recalls and the government's response, after receiving testimony from Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation; David Strickland, Administrator, National

Highway Traffic Safety Administration; Clarence M. Ditlow, Center for Auto Safety, Washington, D.C.; Shinichi Sasaki, and Takeshi Uchiyamada, both of Toyota Motor Corporation, both of Tokyo, Japan; and Yoshimi Inaba, Toyota Motor North America, New York, New York.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jeffrey Alan Goldstein, of New York, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury, Francisco J. Sanchez, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, who was introduced by Senator Nelson (FL), and Sherry Glied, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

GLOBAL INTERNET FREEDOM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law concluded a hearing to examine global internet freedom and the rule of law, part II, after receiving testimony from Michael H. Posner, Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; Daniel J. Weitzner, Associate Administrator for Policy Analysis and Development, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; Nicole Wong, Google Inc., Mountain View, California; Rebecca MacKinnon, Global Voices Online, Princeton, New Jersey; and Omid Memarian, International Campaign for Human Rights in Iran, San Francisco, California.

DISABLED VETERANS OF AMERICA

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine a legislative presentation from Disabled Veterans of America, after receiving testimony from Roberto Barrera, Disabled American Veterans, Del Rio, Texas.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.